



# CITY OF SAINT PAUL

## ALASKA

### RESOLUTION 22-13

#### A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ALAĠUM KANUUĠ SANCTUARY NOMINATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saint Paul, Alaska, (the City) adopted a resolution on December 15, 2021, in support of a process to nominate the Pribilof Island Marine Ecosystem (PRIME) as a sanctuary under the National Marine Sanctuary Act (NMSA), and;

**WHEREAS**, since the presentation of the PRIME Initiative by the Tribal Government of St. Paul to the Saint Paul City Council in December 2021, the sanctuary proposal has undergone a number of substantive changes in its proposed scope and management including the adoption of the name Alaġum KanuuĠ (Heart of the Ocean), and;

**WHEREAS**, many of these changes are relevant to existing and future economic activities on and around Saint Paul Island, as well as infrastructure development, and;

**WHEREAS**, these changes were not communicated or discussed with the City on a timely basis, and;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Fur Seal Act Amendments of 1983, Congress directed the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, to ensure that activities on the Pribilof Islands are consistent with the purposes of (i) conserving, managing, and protecting the fur seals and other wildlife, and (ii) promoting the development of a stable, self-sufficient, enduring and diversified economy not dependent on sealing, and;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with these objectives. federal, state, local, CDQ and private entities have invested hundreds of millions of dollars to develop harbor and other fisheries related infrastructure on Saint Paul Island, and;

**WHEREAS**, further consistent with these objectives Congress and the federal and state governments have enacted and implemented several actions and programs including the Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program, the Crab Rationalization Program, and reductions of halibut bycatch in the groundfish fisheries, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City's support for Alaġum KanuuĠ is contingent on the consistency of this proposed sanctuary with the aforementioned objectives and programs, as well as its consistency with existing processes for federal fishery management actions through the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Council of the City of Saint Paul, conditionally supports the PRIME Initiative/ Alaġum KanuuĠ on the following bases:

- the City must be consulted as this proposal is developed and it must agree to the proposed sanctuary goals and objectives which must include the protection of existing and future economic activities as well as infrastructure development, and;
- it is clear to the City that the proposed co-management structure will not add a further level of bureaucracy and lengthen processes to pursue economic activities and accomplish critical development projects on Saint Paul Island, and;
- consultation with the City regarding any changes to the proposed sanctuary must be continuous and timely in order to maintain it's support, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City will make an ultimate determination regarding its support based on the above considerations and when there is a final sanctuary proposal and designation document with defined goals, objectives, and management structure, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Resolution replaces Resolution 21-21 that was approved by the Saint Paul City Council on December 15, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022 BY \_\_\_ IN FAVOR \_\_\_ OPPOSED AND \_\_\_ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

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Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor

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Monique Baker, City Clerk